

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, in 2003, a total of 26,700 motor vehicle crashes occurred in Idaho, killing 293 people and injuring 14,601, at a cost to Idahoans of some \$1,703,465,305; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving caused approximately 39.2 percent of those deaths; and

WHEREAS, driving under the influence (DUI) is unacceptable, it puts our families at risk, and Idahoans will not tolerate the senseless death and injury on our state's roadways caused by those who choose to drive impaired; and

WHEREAS, the December holiday season is traditionally one of the most deadly times of the year for drug & alcohol-impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, community-based anti-DUI strategies including education, effective laws, and strong law enforcement through weekly anti-DUI saturation patrols have been proven to be successful in reducing impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is a partner in that effort to make our highways roads and streets safer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim December 2004, to be

YOU DRINK, YOU DRIVE, YOU LOSE MONTH

in Idaho, and do hereby call upon all citizens, government agencies, business leaders, hospitals, schools, and public and private institutions in Idaho to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired driving, to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs, and to provide opportunities for all Idahoans to participate in saving lives this December holiday season.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of December in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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